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# **County fair** may fold

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

After a century and half, it may be the end of the road for the Haliburton County Fair.

If the fair is unable to attract new directors for its board, it's likely its tent will fold early in 2017.

"For 2017, the reality for Minden is that half the board is stepping down," board secretary Anne Cox told the Times. "Without an infusion of new blood on the board and more volunteers, I am afraid that the annual general meeting in January will see an announcement of the discontinuance of the Haliburton County Fair."

There are currently five members on the fair board, which should ideally have a dozen members. "Some of the members coming off the board have said they would help out," Cox said, explaining those outgoing directors are willing to help train and mentor incoming members.

Generally, Cox said a director needs to be able to commit to one meeting per month, as well as be available to help out with the fair itself.

A dearth of volunteers has been a problem not just for the Haliburton County Fair, but other fairs in the area as well.

"It isn't just the Haliburton County Fair that is experiencing difficulties," Cox said. "There are a couple of fairs in our district that have folded in 2016. There are others that are experiencing difficulties, volunteers, being the lack of, probably the No. 1. problem."

The fair board has tried different strategies in recent years in attempt to boost at-

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#### Hawks narrowly defeated by Falcons

Red Hawks senior point guard McKay Coneybeare rises above Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons defenders in Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Monday, Dec. 19 in Haliburton. Coneybeare scored four points while Sam Longo led his team with 11 points. The Hawks lost 46-39. More on page 12. /DARREN LUM Staff

# Early start for snowmobile association

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

With a dumping of snow in the Highlands last week, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association is getting to work on the area's trails sooner than usual.

"We're two weeks ahead of schedule on the Rail Trail and almost a month, three to four weeks, ahead on the other trails," HCSA president Paul Gaudin told the Times. "Winter has definitely arrived early and we're reacting to that early arrival."

Association members are out grooming and packing trails, day and night.

However, just because the association is working on the trails, doesn't mean they are ready to ride.

At press time, only the Haliburton County Rail Trail was open to traffic.

Trails are staked once they are open and riders can keep an eye on which trails are open by visiting the association's website at

Gaudin stressed that it is unsafe for riders to try to traverse any water at this early point in the season.

"There are no safe water crossing points," he said, adding this meant not just to stay clear of lakes and rivers, but other, smaller water bodies such as swamps as well.

It's typically at least mid- or late-January before lakes have sufficient ice for the passage of snowmobiles, but Gaudin stressed there is no hard and fast rule and that each season is different, with a number of changing variables.

With light snowfall during the winter of 2015-16, the HSCA is hoping for a longer sledding season this year.



# Attendance too low for midway viability

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tendance at the annual event. While for many years the fair was held over a weekend in August, last year it was moved to a single day in June.

This, combined with the ideas of some newer, younger directors – including more interactive children's programming – did see youth attendance spike by a few hundred.



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in a long time." Cox said. "[The new directors] are young and they're keen. It was more interactive. I think the parents were engaged more."

While the Haliburton County Fair offers children's attrac-

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While the Haliburton County Fair offers children's attractions such as inflatable castles, slides, etc., it has been several years since it had midway rides. Cox said people often ask why the fair doesn't have a midway.

"We hear that constantly," she said. "It's very simple. The rides come based on gates. If you don't have big gates, you can't even pay to have the rides come."

Since midway companies operate on volume, Cox said it's not feasible for the fair to bring in midway rides.

One year the board tried to rent a Ferris wheel and was told it would cost \$10,000 for the day.

In recent years, it has introduced a one-price gate entry fee that has been popular with attendees.

In addition to more board members, the positions of treasurer and secretary with the fair board are also open.

The annual general meeting of the Haliburton County Fair board will take place at the Minden United Church on Saturday, Jan. 21 at 5 p.m.

Anyone interested in volunteering with the fair or seek-



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— ANNE COX



ing more information can call Cox at 705-286-6155; president Casey Cox at 705-457-0444; or second vice-president Andrea Coysh at 705-286-6753.







Ladies from the church in Ingoldsby gave a cooking lesson during Christmas in Carnarvon on Dec. 7.



Joy Davey was the host of the evening's festivities.



"Aunt Martha" showed up to help the Hot Flashes with their set.



Zion United Church was packed with women from churches throughout Haliburton County for the annual Christmas in Carnarvon celebration on Dec. 7.



#### **Christmas in Carnarvon**

Linda Roberston and Wendy Connelly of the Hot Flashes perform at Christmas in Carnarvon on Dec. 7. The annual celebration brings together women from the churches of Haliburton County for a night of music, comedy and fellowship. CHAD INGRAM Staff

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Jan 26th - COTW/Regular meeting of Council, 9:00 am, Minden Council Chambers Please Note: Council meetings are reduced to one in January

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The Boardwalk & Logger's Crossing Bridge are cleared of snow regularly but are not sanded or salted. Residents are advised to "Exercise Caution" when using these pathways as they could develop slippery conditions.

#### <u>NOTICE – SPECIAL MEETING – BUDGET</u> STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING

Take Notice that the Council of the Township of Minden Hills, will meet as the Budget Standing Committee on Thursday, January 12, 2017 at 9:00 am in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON to review the second draft of the 2017 Budget.

further information regarding the meeting please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk at 705-286-1260 ext. 205 or dnewhook@mindenhills.ca.

# Seasons Greeti

#### From the Township of Minden Hills

Council and staff would like to wish everyone in Minden Hills a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

#### **MUNICIPAL HOLIDAY HOURS**

#### **Administration Office Hours of Operation:**

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# Building a village one piece at a time

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

Christmastime is serious business for George Burley.

The Algonquin Highlands resident has a whole community in his living room, a wintery village complete with snow and roads and residents.

"You just get another piece and another piece," says the retired teacher.

For 35 years, Burley has been collecting miniature ceramic buildings, part of Department 56's Snow Village collection. Burley seeks out the rarest, limited edition pieces. There are some 40 buildings in all, from Victorian homes to shops and train stations to a burger joint. There's also a farm and a mill.

Burley has set up the three-tiered display during the past couple of weeks.

There are miniature scenes unfolding everywhere within the village. A garage sale. A fireman rescuing a cat from a tree. A group of carollers serenading passersby. And of course, Santa Claus.







Above, George Burley with the winter village he sets up in his living room each Christmas. He's been acquiring pieces from Department 56's Snow Village collection for more than three decades.

Far left, it's Christmastime in George Burley's wintery village. Left, Gus's Drive-In is a popular spot for locals.

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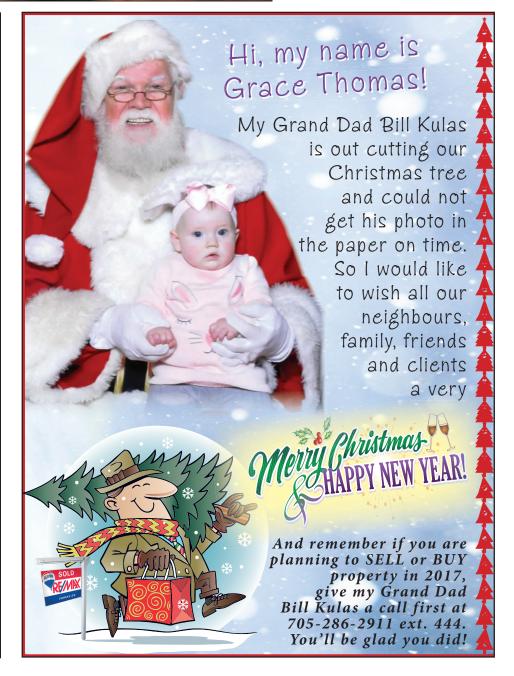


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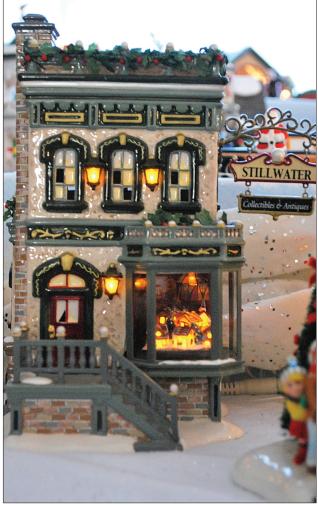




Above left, George Burley's Christmas village takes up a good chunk of his living room. Burley has been collecting the miniature buildings for 35 years.

Below left, no detail is overlooked. Above, the village contains dozens of scenes, such as this firefighter rescuing a child's cat from a tree.

Right, look closely. This miniature shop sells miniature buildings.













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# Live streaming done cheap

**CHAD INGRAM** 

Reporter

INDEN HILLS COUNCIL recently made a decision to forgo the live streaming of council meetings to the Internet, at least for now.

While it's true one could argue that providing a live stream of council meetings would provide increased transparency and potentially increase engagement of residents in municipal affairs, one could also argue that not enough residents would tune in to justify

any large expenditure on the facilitation of live streaming. However, it's not necessary for the process to require any large expenditure.

During a recent council meeting, a staff report showed that Bracebridge has sunk some \$160,000

into the live streaming of its council meetings, as well as a system for the digital archiving of those videos.

This is a ridiculous and unnecessary expense.

Live streaming apps such as Periscope are free to use. Social media giants Facebook and Twitter now also offer live streaming options on their platforms. I could literally live stream the writing of this column with my iPhone right

It would be incredibly boring to watch, yes, but I could do it.

Most platforms also automatically archive recordings.

With the Minden Hills township building outfitted with wireless

Internet, a rudimentary live stream of council meetings could be easily achieved by setting up a device – a municipally-owned smartphone, say - at one end of the council table and using one of the streaming options mentioned above.

It might not be television quality, but it would also cost next to

How many people would actually watch meetings on the Internet is another matter.

> In a *very* unscientific poll the *Times* conducted on Twitter, 53 per cent of respondents answered they would not watch council meetings if they were available on the Internet. Actually 25 per cent of respondents clicked "no," and 28 per cent cent clicked "rather poke out my

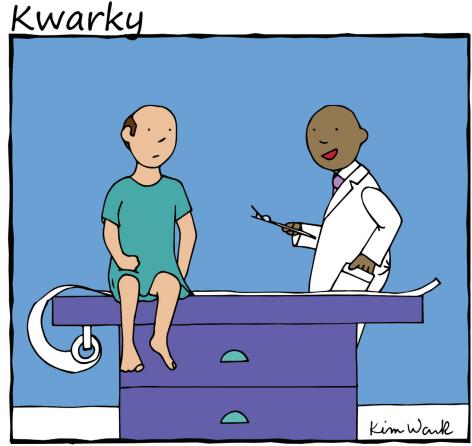
eyes." Twenty-two per cent said they would maybe watch and 25 per cent answered they would watch meetings online.

And that's coming from people who use the Internet. Minden Hills has a number of senior residents who don't own computers or use the Internet.

Clearly, they aren't going to tune in.

However, for those who would, Minden Hills has a simple, cheap option to facilitate live streaming.

The staff of the Minden Times will be off the week of Christmas. The next Times will be published Jan.



"There's a factory recall on one hip and hairline."

# Jay talking

IKE MANY OF YOU, I have been completely disappointed by the recent, highly publicized and often divisive election we have just experienced. But I have also come to accept that the voters have decided. Whether we like it or not, the gray jay is Canada's national bird.

The @#\$& gray jay!

Apparently, the gray jay received 7,918 votes in the National Bird Project run by the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and Canadian Geographic magazine. But I think the election was rigged because the common

loon and snowy owl each had more votes. The former had 13,995 and the latter 8,948.

And, even though the gray jay team is calling it a historic victory, clearly, something is amiss.

First, full disclosure: I'm an indigo bunting man. Yes, it's a little radical but I happen to like that bird's moderate stances on bird feeders, pooping on cars and calling outside your window at 6 a.m.

More to the point, I'm very nervous about having the gray jay represent us on the world stage. Hello? Did we all forget the other common name of this bird? It's whiskey jack?

I won't go on about how the gray jay will steal food right out of your hand or how it is also known as the "camp robber," although I think these things should have also raised red flags for the electorate.

Let's be brutally honest; you don't get the nickname whiskey jack by being a choir boy. Obviously, this is a bird that likes to party – which is fine at a campsite, but not what I want representing our country on the national stage. A few too many drinks and who knows how many national secrets get divulged.

Forget the gray jay's shortcomings for a moment though. Let's talk about the election

I confess I'm not fully aware of how our national bird electoral system works, but I do know it's in need of serious reform if the bird that came in third somehow wins.

Also, at times like this, you have to ask yourself who benefits from the gray jay's victory?

Of course, there have been rumours that Russian hackers helped influence this election and I'm going so far as to suggest that

> Putin himself is involved. After all, his nation also has a healthy population of gray jays. So imagine how easy it would be to place a few subversives in our own whisky jack population.

By the way, I believe the Russians call them "Vodka Vlads." Again, I have no way to substantiate this claim, other than to say it sounds right.

The point is, Putin could have rigged this election to give us a

less than capable avian leader with the ultimate goal of subverting our bird population in order to destabilize our economy.

How?

Follow the money! He destabilizes us by forcing Canadians to spend even more than we currently do on bird seed - which we will certainly have to do if the fat cat whiskey jack mentality takes hold among the general bird population.

If we spend more on bird food then we will also have to spend more on squirrel-proof feeders and so on. Next thing you know the nation goes bankrupt.

This is a bad decision, but it could be much worse. At least these birds don't spend all their time preening and putting out stupid



**STEVE GALEA** Beyond 35

## **InOther**Words

Columns and Letters to the Editor

# A cash-for-access party

COURIER ARRIVED AT MY DOOR and handed me an envelope embossed with the Canadian coat of Arms. You know, the one with the scowling lion and a silly unicorn, each holding a flag.

I tore it open and found an elaborate card, embossed with gold JPJT lettering, inviting Mr. Po Ling to a Cash-for-Access party.

I had no idea who JPJT was, and there seemed to be some confusion about my name. But a party is a party so I rummaged the basement for my tweed suit, knitted tie and the pork pie hat I wore when I was a young reporter.

I arrived at the party site, a castle-like mansion in a leafy Toronto neighbourhood. The place looked like it cost \$20 million so I assumed it was owned by an offshore drug lord, or a baseball player.

Inside, I presented the invitation and entered a huge reception room tightly packed with knots of chatting people. A cloud of sweet smelling smoke hung over the room and I saw a guy circulating with a silver tray stacked with what appeared to be hand-rolled cigarettes.

"That's Billy Blair, the former Toronto police chief," I muttered to myself. Billy

JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

now is the prime minister's dope czar. He looked a bit foggy, but then he looked that way even when he was

He approached me with an offering but I declined and walked to the bar, trying to decide whether to order a Perrier and water, or a beer.

"I'll have a Molson Canadian," I told the bartender. The bartender scanned my tweeds and pork pie hat with a good deal of disdain, then sniffed:

"The prime minister has asked that tonight's guests be offered Chantereines Blanc de Blancs Grand Cru."

"Whatever," I said. "I can knock back those craft brews just as quickly as a Molson."

I wandered about sipping my Grand Cru and watching the people. I heard some giggling from a knot of folks gathered in a corner.

I sauntered over and saw Jane Philpott, the federal health minister, talking animatedly, her head wreathed in smoke.

"The opioid overdose epidemic will disappear as soon as we get the weed legalization bill through Parliament," she giggled, taking a pull from her rollie.

"Yes," one listener nodded enthusiastically. "And, you will be getting taxes from all that dope, which will mean you won't have to raise our taxes as the prime minister has suggested."

I spotted the prime minister in a group gathered in another corner. He was wearing one of those satin smoking jackets guys wear in Turner Classic Movies reruns. The front of the jacket was embroidered with the large letters JPJT, which I now realized stood for Justin Pierre James Trudeau.

"We need to increase your taxes just a tad," JPJT was telling the group, "to help the middle class pay their electricity bills. When they are back on their feet, we increase their taxes again, allowing us to reduce yours. It's a fantastic plan. We're gonna make Canada rich again."

"Fantastic!" said one of the billionaires in the group as he raised his glass of Grand Cru. "Here's to sunny ways and tax-free days!"

"Oh I almost forgot," said another, pulling out a cheque book. "I have that \$50,000 donation to help build the statue of your dear old dad."

"And here's my 200 grand for the Trudeau Foundation," said another.

Suddenly I found myself dragged toward the front door by two large goons wearing Mountie hats. The front doors of the mansion flew open and I was propelled down the stairs, arms and legs flailing in every direction.

"Jim. Jim," I heard a distant voice calling. "Jim, you are having a nightmare." I opened my eyes to see my wife shaking me by the shoulders.

I realized I had fallen asleep reading. I took the book from my lap and opened it at where I left off.

The book was Orwell's *Animal Farm* and I was at the scene where Benjamin the donkey is observing the changes to the new society's commandments painted on the barn wall. Only one commandment remained and it had been edited to

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# Junior book of the month: The Darkest Dark by Chris Hadfield

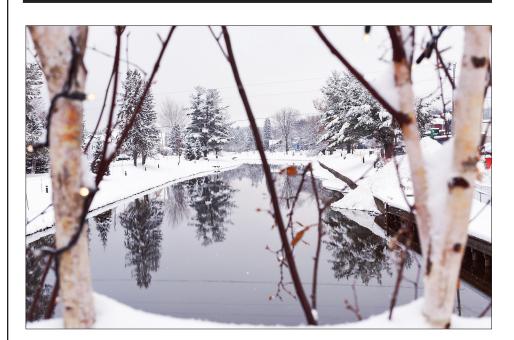
brave astronaut, rescuing the earth from aliens, travelling to Mars, and landing on the moon. But at night, Chris has a hard time falling asleep. His room is dark, and he's afraid of the dark.

When Chris gets to see the first ever moon landing, he realizes that space is much darker than his room. In fact, space is the darkest

By day Chris loves pretending to be a dark there is. Can Chris overcome his fear of the dark and make his dream of becoming an astronaut come true?

> The Darkest Dark is written by real-life astronaut Chris Hadfield with Kate Fillion, and illustrated by the Fan Brothers. It is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.

- Submitted



#### Wintery scene

Minden, like most of southern Ontario, received more than 10 centimetres of snow Sunday night, Dec. 11, leaving behind a picturesque downtown winter scene with the Gull River, DARREN LUM Staff

## County ambulance purchase made with paramedic safety in mind

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

Haliburton County will proceed with the purchase of a new, single-stretcher ambulance after councillors had questions answered during a Dec. 14 meeting.

EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones had made a request at council's Nov. 23 meeting that the municipality proceed with the purchase, noting that manufacturer Crestline would give the county a three per cent savings on a \$140,000, 2017 model if council agreed to the purchase before Nov. 30.

However, there was some concern about switching from a dual-stretcher to single-stretcher vehicle, and councillors decided they wanted more information before going ahead.

During the Dec. 14 meeting, Jones presented a report with statistics showing the single-stretcher model, which has a three-point seatbelt for the paramedic working in the back of the vehicle, is safer for paramedics.

"This decision was made based on paramedic safety," Jones told council.

His report cited studies including a 2011 report from the American National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health showing that lap belts, the type worn by paramedics in the rear of an ambulance configured with two stretchers,

had a much higher tendency of causing injury to paramedics in the case of a crash, including abdominal injuries, spine fractures and head injuries.

"That report showed significant injuries to paramedics and fatalities," Jones said.

Because lap belts restrict paramedics' ability to tend to patients, it's also common for paramedics to remove the belts while riding the backs of ambulances.

"When properly used, the squad bench, lap belts position the paramedic against the side wall, making it impossible for the worker to bend forward to access the patient," Jones's report reads. "Therefore in order for the paramedic to lean forward, stand up, or change positions as needed to reach the patient or equipment, the seat belt must be removed. This places them at higher risk of striking bulkheads, cabinets, shelves or other occupants during a crash."

Three-point seat belts allow paramedics to remain strapped in while performing many functions.

"The ministry ambulance dispatch reporting system indicates that since Jan. 1, 2014, to Nov. 28, 2016, Haliburton County paramedic service has responded to 7,529 emergency calls," the report reads. "Through an audit ambulance call reports it was noted that 46 scene calls or 0.61 per cent were emergency calls that presented more than one patient. Thirty-five of those calls transported more than one patient and of those 35, only 10, or .001 per cent were calls where

two stretchers were required.'

Jones also said that patients who didn't require a stretcher could travel in a jump seat in the vehicle and pointed out that one paramedic can only care for one patient at a time.

As she had expressed at the Nov. 23 meeting, Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said she was concerned about what would happen should a situation arise where there were multiple injured parties.

"I sympathize and I want the paramedics to be safe," Murdoch said, "but I also don't want to end up in a critical situation where we have multiple patients."

Jones said there was always that small chance, but stressed the county also has shared services agreements with surrounding municipalities whereby ambulances from other communities would come in if necessary.

"I think this is a very good report," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt. "To me, that's what was missing, was the amount of information.'

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, who sits on the Rural Ontario Municipal Association board, said she'd polled ROMA board members and that there was a mixture of opinions of one-stretcher versus two-stretcher ambulances.

"There seemed to be no right answer," Danielsen said. "There were rational arguments on both sides."

"I think it is a bit of a philosophy shift . . . but based on your report, I'm comfortable with having a single stretcher," said Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts.

The county has seven ambulances, some of which have two stretchers and some of which have one.

Some confused over

by JENN WATT

As word spread through the many communities served by

Trillium Lakelands District School Board that a threat had

come in on Dec. 16, there was confusion over what response

While the terminology of "hold and secure" was being

Unlike a lockdown, which asks students to move away

put out by board communications staff, many believed the schools were in "lockdown," said communications manager

'hold and secure'

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Catherine Shedden.

one from leaving or coming in. "For a hold and secure, we typically share information first with our staff, then on social media and our website, and then

as a media release," Shedden said in an email to the paper. "As soon as we put our schools into a hold and secure, we sent key messages to our secretaries so that they could

respond to parent phone calls." Later that day, letters were sent home with elementary school students and automated emails and phone calls went

Shedden said there haven't been any rehearsals of hold and secure in the past, but that the board had procedures and policies in place and they were adhered to.

"These situations are always a good opportunity to review rocedures and to educate staff students and parents on what to do in the case of a hold and secure or a lockdown,"

Shedden would not comment on the text of the threat, which allegedly came from a 16-year-old Gravenhurst boy, via Twitter. She would only say it was a serious, generalized

The board has never been threatened like this in the past, she said.

Police continue to investigate the incident, though they have charged the youth with mischief and uttering threats. Any information can be directed to the Bracebridge OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

# Donation makes LGBTQ materials easier to find

Editor

There was a time when all one could find in a local library about gay, lesbian and transgender issues was confined to a line in the encyclopedia. It wasn't that long ago either, says Marg Cox, executive director of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents in Haliburton. She heard a story of someone with just that experience a few years back at a Gay Straight Alliance conference.

Libraries, and society, have come a long way since then, but the work of inclusivity is ongoing. Books and videos that address, explain, discuss and normalize all sexual orientations and genders should be accessible to the population, Cox said, which is why Point in Time recently fundraised to enhance the local library's collection.

During a Kate Reid concert earlier this year, donations at the door were put towards a "Rainbow Collection" for the library. The \$500 raised was put towards supplementing the current collection at Haliburton County Public Library, said HCPL CEO Bessie Sullivan.

Sullivan said Point in Time helped choose materials to purchase, gathering suggestions from a workshop done with Reid, a musician and LGBTQ activist, while she was in the

Having a collection specifically about gender and sexual identity helps to bring that community into the mainstream, Cox said, and shows them there is acceptance in the community – even if there isn't in their home.

Friends and family of those who are gay or transgendered have used the library to learn how to best support their loved ones, Sullivan said.

This collection makes that easier.

The books are not externally labelled as LGBTQ, but can be found on the library's website: haliburtonlibrary.ca. It is on the right-hand column under "Popular searches" called Rainbow Collection. All branches of the library have access to the collection.

## Commercial tax rates unlikely to drop

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

It's unlikely that commercial and industrial tax rates in the townships of Haliburton County will be reduced any time

County treasurer Elaine Taylor presented a report on the subject to councillors during a Dec. 14 meeting.

"County council formally asked staff to explore the possibility of reducing commercial and industrial taxes in the county and to determine the impact that reduction would have on the tax rates for other property classes for 2017," Taylor's report read.

Taylor told councillors the idea had been discussed at a municipal administration meeting, as well as on a conference call with treasurers of the county's townships.

She explained that local rates were compared with those of other township in Eastern Ontario.

"Our tax rates are all in the 10th percentile; of 89 municipalities reviewed, we are in the lower nine," Taylor's report read. "Reducing our commercial and industrial tax rates is not likely to bring new commerce or industry to the county."

Taylor also told councillors that reducing commercial and industrial tax rates would also essentially amount to a large tax break for the provincial government.

"Closer examination of the commercial properties in the local municipalities, revealed that both Algonquin Highlands and Dysart et al received significant payments in lieu from the Province of Ontario for assessments related to Algonquin Park," her report read. "Total payments to the municipalities from those sources in 2016 were approximately \$486,000. Reducing the commercial rate to that of the residential rate give the province tax saving of approximately \$152,000, while adding that burden to our residential property owners."

"What it substantiates is that we're in a very competitive environment," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin.



Marg Cox, left, and Bessie Sullivan hold up some of the items from the Rainbow Collection available at all branches of the Haliburton County Public Library. Cox is executive director of Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents, which fundraised \$500 to enhance the collection. The materials will help build a more inclusive community and offer important resources for those interested in LGBTQ issues. JENN WATT Staff

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# Falcons spoil Hawks' home opener



by DARREN LUM Times Staff

There's a lot the Red Hawks can appreciate after a 46-39 loss to the visiting Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons in Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Monday, Dec. 19 in Haliburton, says assistant coach Dan Lapierre.

"Our team is full of hustlers. We hustle. We work hard. That's the key to it. The rest of it will fall into place," he said.

With the Falcons being so strong on the drive and on the perimeter, the Hawks were regularly tested defensively. The visitors had a balanced attack, which included three players scoring double digits. Lapierre believes in the team will improve on defence, doing a better job at helping one another and not leaving an opponent open if given a second chance against a team like the

He appreciated the mindset of his players even if it factored into scoring chances for the

"They played aggressively. They just made too many turnovers. Half of it was because they were playing aggressively. They've got to take it down a notch and control it a little bit more and they did that in spurts. That's part of the game," Lapierre said.

He counted at least four turnovers from trying to initiate the offence too soon when one of his players would try to dribble and run the floor before allowing the Falcons players to clear the

Except for the first quarter, the Hawks never led and played from a deficit all game.

Hawks player Kyle Cooper's successful scoring drive with a little more than a minute left in the third quarter drew the red and white to within three points, 32-29 – their lowest deficit since the



They played aggressively. They just made too many turnovers.

> - RED HAWKS ASSIS-**TANT COACH DAN LAPIERRE**



The Falcons responded, as they did all game, with an 8-0 run, punctuated by a three-pointer buzzer beater to stretch the lead to 37-29 to end the third.

Haliburton didn't go away. True to character, as outlined by Lapierre, the team continued to work and had a strong half, but could not get the stops they needed for a sustained run to overcome the seven-point halftime deficit and win. Both teams scored 21 in the second half.

Haliburton drops to 1-1 on the regular season and the Falcons improved to 1-2.

Senior Hawks rookie Sam Longo led the team with 11 points followed by Cooper with seven points, Sage Christiano and Collin Martin each with six points.

After the Hawks' scheduled home opener against the Wildcats of I.E. Weldon was cancelled due to weather, the Falcons' game became the home opener by default. This game has been scheduled for Monday, Jan. 23, starting at 3 p.m.

Lapierre wasn't worried and is confident in his team's potential.

"The season is young. We'll get there," he

Red Hawks senior centre Sage Christiano reaches for a rebound against the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons in Kawartha High School Basketball League action on Monday, Dec. 19 in Haliburton. **DARREN LUM Staff** 



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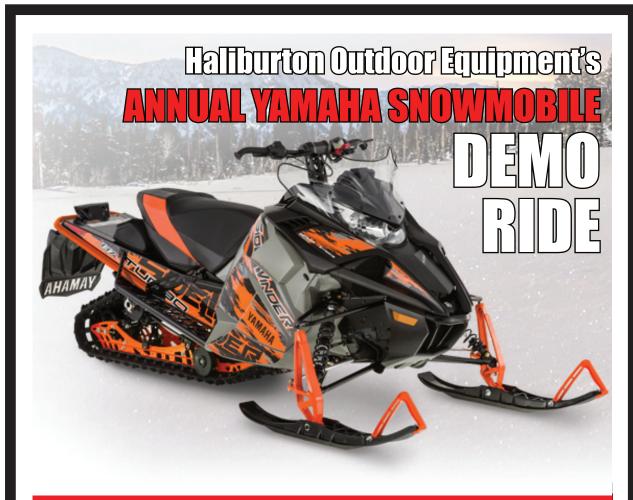
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Red Hawks senior power Kenndal Marsden finishes her spike in Kawartha West High School Volleyball action on Wednesday in Haliburton. The exhibition tournament was cut short because of inclement weather./DARREN LUM Staff



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# Volleyball team continues to build

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

It's all about working towards improvement, said Red Hawks senior girls' volleyball team head coach Steve Smith after hosting five Kawartha West high schools on Wednesday, Dec. 14, for an exhibition tournament.

"The girls continue to make improvements, however, yesterday being their home tournament, nerves, excitement etc. always play into the results. Traditionally the home tournaments are never a true indication of the talent that is shown when we travel to other tournaments," he wrote in an email. "The girls need to be mentally tough moving forward in their season. Yesterday's tournament showed [me] a couple of areas where the team has weaknesses, which I have not addressed yet but will in the days ahead."

Before the schools played the scheduled five matches, Smith made a decision for the safety of officials, coaches and players.

Heavy snowfall and snow squalls forced him to cut the tournament short after three matches for each school.

"Most teams had a fair distance to travel so in fairness/safety of all concerned (teams and referees) I called the tournament and sent the teams home," he said.

The field of competition included St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School, Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute, I.E. Weldon, Fenelon Falls Secondary School and Brock High School of Durham.

They played rally-point games and limited to only two games per match.

Haliburton played Fenelon well, but were shut out (15-25 and 21-25) in their opening match. Against I.E. Weldon, the Hawks started slow (16-25) and improved, but lost again (20-25). The team finished against the Titans of St. Thomas with a better result splitting (25-16 and 18-25).

The team will play this coming Wednesday, Dec. 21 and use it to improve.

Another photo on page 22.



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# Hawks defeat visiting Lions

by DARREN LUM

Times Staff

As the snow piled up outside from the raging blizzard, the Red Hawks poured on the goals inside the A.J. LaRue Arena against the visiting Lions of Adam Scott

After four games, Haliburton moved above .500 for the first time, taking in the Kawartha Boys High School League season with a 7-3 win.

Coach Ron Yake said this was big and couldn't have come at a better time.

"We needed to win. We were one win, one tie and one loss up to now and we're approaching the middle of the season ... this was a big game for us to get a win and I'm glad our guys came out in the third period and responded in that sense," he

Yake adds the team will use this to build on in their bid to win on the road in an upcoming double-header against the Saints of St. Peter's Catholic Secondary School and St. Mary's on Tuesday, Dec. 20 in Peterborough.

The win improves the Hawks to 2-1-1 in this 10-game season, which is followed by playoffs in February.

Earlier in the week, the team was set to travel to Kingston for a two-day hockey tournament. It promised strong competition and up to five games for the team. Yake had looked at that event as an opportunity for his team to build from the experience, as far as developing chemistry and team skill.

Coming into the game, the Adam Scott Lions were looking for their second win of the season, just like the Hawks who had just trounced their last opponents 9-3.

Despite the 7-3 final score, the Hawks were challenged in the first and part of the second, playing a back and forth game. Both teams kept each other in check. They traded one goal leads in the first period and part of the second.

"Their team came out and were ready to go and play. They put some pressure on us and it was back and forth at the beginning. It was very tight. Our guys were just not quite ready for the game from what I've seen so far," he said.

The team will address this for the next road games, which will lead into the holiday break.

'We need to be better prepared whether it is mentally or physically or both, but be ready for the start of the game," he said. "If we played like we did in the third ... We were skating much better and putting much better pressure on the other team so if we could get going like that from the get-go it would have been a different game."

Defenceman Andrew Hall scored the Hawks' first goal of the game on a point shot nearing the tail-end of a four-minute major penalty to the Lions for a headshot. The significance wasn't lost on the veteran coach, who believes an effective power play should be close to 20 per cent efficiency.

Hall's goal not only tied the game 1-1 with a little more than a minute in the first, but it seemed to be the catalyst for

"You don't have to score every time, but you want to generate offence and opportunities and generate some momentum around them," he said.

With just six seconds left, the Hawks forward Owen Patterson-Smith's tenacity and dogged determination paid off, as his forecheck while killing a two-minute penalty rewarded him with a partial break on goal, on which he capitalized, scored on the backhand to give his team a 2-1 lead. The lead was short lived, as the Lions responded with a power play goal on their first shot on net in the opening seconds of the second period to tie it up 2-2 and then added another power play goal with minutes left in the second. The Hawks were forced to play catch up down 3-2 with only 4:42 in the second period. The Hawks winger Chris Thompson scored an important equalizer with a little more than two minutes left.

The red and white carried the momentum from Thompson's goal into the third when Haliburton proved to be the deeper team, scoring four unanswered goals to finish the game, starting with an equalizer late in the second.

Two goals by the Hawks to start the third scored less than 40 seconds apart squashed any hope of a Lions comeback even though the visitors had a two-man advantage and another powerplay to make it closer. Haliburton added two more to end with a 7-3 final.

As Yake has said all season, special teams is a work in progress, but in this game his team had a few standouts worth acknowledging for their ability to stymie the opposition while killing penalties.

"Owen Patterson-Smith and Owen Smith killed penalties together quite well and they generated some offence off it too and scored. Those are always a bonus, of course, and it was good work on their part with regards to that," he said.

Smith scored the eventual game-winner, which was assisted by Patterson-Smith on his yeoman's effort, drawing two defenders to leave his teammate open for the pass and the easy goal. Patterson-Smith also scored a pair of goals for arguably his best game of the season.

The Hawks' third period start was what the doctor ordered or in this case a coach and assistant, who encouraged their players to shoot more during the break before the third.

"The start of the third period there was a swing there. We talked about ... shooting the puck a little bit more and we're trying to make some nice plays, which I give the guys credit, but sometimes sometimes it's best just to shoot the puck," he

Red Hawks forward Chris Thompson, right, looks for a loose puck, as a Adam Scott Lions defender Parker MacDonald impedes in Kawartha High School Hockey League action on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at the

A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton. Thompson scored the equalizer late in the second period, setting up the third when Haliburton scored three unanswered goals and went on to win 7-3. Hawks improved to 2-1-1./DARREN LUM Staff





# Midget B girls battle back against Keene

Campground midget B girls travelled to Keene on Saturday afternoon in the first game of their home-and-home weekend match-up with the Wolverines. The Jets were flying as they pressured Keene in the first period, trying to gain momentum against the always tough Wolverines. Jamie Little gave Bancroft a 1-0 lead midway through the first period finishing off a beauty rush with a snap shot from the high slot that beat the Keene tender through the five hole. The Jets continued their attack throughout the game and after a scoreless second period, capitalized early in the third period to take a 2-0 lead. Drew Rupnow forced a turnover in the Wolverine end that Katie Funk picked up and then fired a wrister at the Keene net-minder. Danielle Sunstrum slid the loose puck that eluded the Keene goalie into the back of the net for the eventual game-deciding goal. The Wolverines never gave up and with their net empty stuffed a bouncing puck off the end boards in the Bancroft end to capitalize on the five-on-six attack late in the third period. The Jets fought back and secured the 2-1 win taking away any further scoring chances by the Wolverines.

On Sunday night, the Jets hosted Keene back in Bancroft for their second game of the home-and-home contest. The Wolverines challenged the Jets early in the game, pressuring Bancroft in their defensive end. Midway through the first period, Keene capitalized on their pressure attack, forcing a turnover and gaining a 1-0 lead after stuffing home a loose puck. The Jets used this Keene attack

The Bancroft I.D.A./Red Eagle Family as a wake up call and stepped up their level of play. Late in the second period, Danielle Sunstrum scored the equalizing goal with a shot from behind the net that ricocheted off the Wolverine tender into the back of the net. The Jets continued their attack and less than a minute later, Drew Rupnow forced a turnover in the Keene end that Danielle Sunstrum picked up, making a sweet pass to Katie Funk who put home a beauty, gamedeciding wrister, giving the Jets a 2-1 second period lead. The Wolverines continued to try and find their equalizing goal throughout the third period. As the game clock wound down, Keene pulled their net-minder to try and force a tie game. Kenndal Marsden secured the win with less than a minute left in the game after picking up a loose puck in the neutral zone and snapping home a 3-1 empty netter from the high slot. Great "gritty" efforts, Jets, battling back from an early first period deficit. Use the determined efforts to carry you into the New Year and a run at first place in our LLFHL Eastern loop and league playoffs, as well as our provincial play-downs. The Jets' next home game will not be until after the Winter Break. They will take on the Lindsay Lynx in another weekend home-and-home New Year match-up on January 7 in Bancroft at 5 p.m. and then travel to Lindsay on Sunday night for the second game of the weekend challenge.

Submitted by Dan Marsden



The tykes were C finalists. Photo by Tamara Bain

#### Peewee girls turn on their 'jets' against Eagles

Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers peewee girls played on home Haliburton ice Saturday night weathering the storm against the Ennismore Eagles. After a scoreless first period the girls turned on their "jets" and stepped it up a notch to score three goals in the second. Goals scored by Peyton Armstrong (2) and Emma Tidey with assists going to Elyse Ives (2), Avery Coens, Emily Alexander and Chloe "Fireball" Billings. Ennismore was not giving up and challenged the Jets on every play but with a short bench to work with they could not hold the girls back. The Jets scored another goal in the third to finish off the hat trick for Armstrong, assisted by Megan Jenkins to leave a final score of 4-0. The girls were excited to get their Christmas party underway after the game as they celebrated the holiday season as a team.

Sunday was a new day as they travelled to Lindsay to take on their arch rivals. This was the first meeting between these two teams this season and a lot more than just a win was on the line. The Jets wanted to send a quick message to Lindsay and came out flying in the first period. With some great passing and awesome pressure the Jets scored three times in the first period to give them the quick lead. Goals scored by Ava Smith, Hailey Hudder and Tidey with assists going to Alexander, Ives, Jenkins and her first assist of the year, the Jets netminder, Bella Smolen. As in regular Lindsay fashion they were not ready to



Coach Rich, a.k.a Ricko Suave, proudly displays the present the girls bought him.

throw in the towel just yet. The game picked up a level with some fast skating, quick passes and amazing saves from both ends as Lindsay squeaked one in to close the gap to a two-goal lead for the Jets. The third period saw some more great hockey and the Jets got a dribbler past the Lindsay goalie to seal the 4-1 win. Goal scored by Armstrong unassisted. The girls will travel back to Lindsay Tuesday night for the final game of 2016 before they get a couple weeks off for the Christmas break. The bench staff, players and parents would like to wish all their fans a very Merry Christmas and safe Happy New Year. See everyone in 2017.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong





Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and prosperous New Year. Good times and great health for 2017!

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## Triumphant Hawks return

by PAUL KLOSE

Special to the Times

On Tuesday Dec. 13, the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School wrestling team travelled to Courtice to compete at the final tournament of 2016. The competition drew close to 300 athletes from the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) and Durham regions, allowing the Red Hawks to wrestle against some of the best athletes in the regions.

Rebecca Hamilton went undefeated in the 54 kilogram weight class to bring home the gold medal. She was joined by team mates and fellow champions Aidan Coles (89 kilogram) and Hannah Riopelle (41 kilogram). Karissa Riopelle (44 kilogram) and Emily Klose (64 kilogram) lost only one match

throughout the tournament to earn the silver and bronze medals, respectively. Klose continues to hone her technique as she pursues her goal to be the COSSA champion in her weight class.

Special mention goes to Matt Manning who finished with a record of four wins and two losses to place fourth in the 67.5 kilogram division.

Coaches Paul Klose and Dan Fockler were also impressed with the performance of Charlotte Paton. Paton, a Grade 9 athlete and new to the team, wrestled consistently well all day against senior opponents and finished with three wins and two losses.

Congratulations to the Red Hawks wrestling team. Competition and preparation for the championship run resumes after the winter break.





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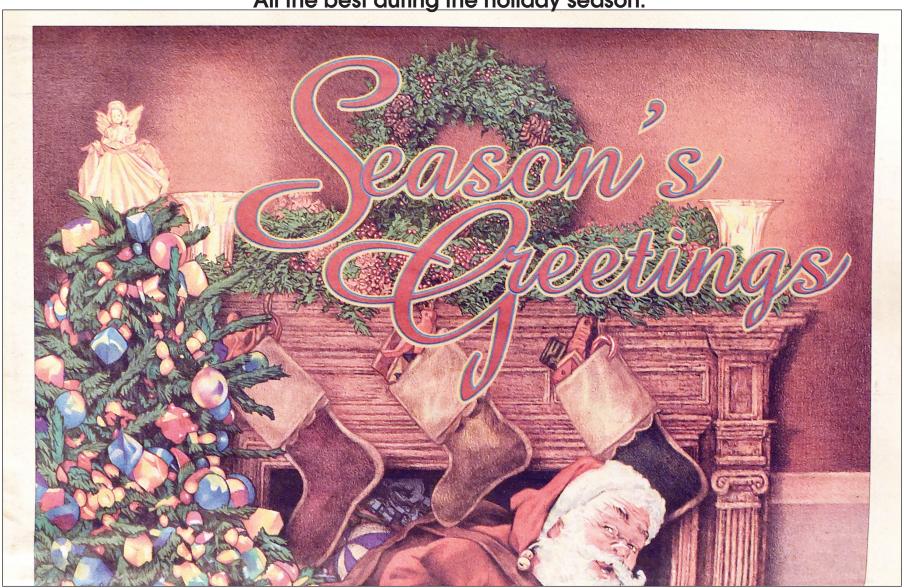
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We hope you have enjoyed stepping back in time and reading a selection of our historical front pages. Watch for additional front pages, and coming in 2017, historical news features and editorials as well.

All the best during the holiday season.





#### Frozen landmark

Clergy House, along with the rest of Minden, was covered in white after a snowy few days in the Highlands last week. CHAD INGRAM Staff

# Message to Readers

## Echo & Times Holiday Schedule

The Echo & Times will not be published the week of December 26. County Life will be published as usual Thursday, December 29.

The Echo office hours are as follows:

CLOSED: December 26 and December 27

OPEN: December 28 – 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

CLOSED: January 2, 2017

The Minden Times office will be closed December 26, 2016 - January 3, 2017.







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#### Jake's Gift By Julia Mackey

While revisiting the shores of Juno beach for the 60th Anniversary of the D-Day landings, World War II veteran Jake encounters Isabelle, a precocious 10-year-old from the local village. Her inquisitive nature and charm challenge the old soldier to make peace with his past. A multi-award winning tour-de-force, Jake's Gift uses the legacy of remembrance to make personal the story behind one soldier's memories.

Performances July 23 (2:30 matinee), 24-25.

#### Three Men in a Boat by Jerome K Jerome

Three Men in a Boat is a stage adaptation of Jerome K. Jerome's classic 1889 British travelogue. Join our three intrepid bachelors Jay, George, and Harris as they spend a disastrous weekend punting up the river Thames.

Performances Aug 6 (2:30 matinee), 7-8.



#### Hilda's Yard By Norm Foster

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#### **UPCOMING**

## Community **Events**

## **Christmas Eve Service and Communion Ser-**

Haliburton United Church

With guest singers Kate Campbell, John Miller and Deniella Rivard

When: Saturday, December 24, 7:00 pm

Lochlin United Church, Christmas Day Service When: Sunday December 25, 10:30 am

Where: 1050 Lochlin Road off Gelert Road (County Road

#### **HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic**

When: Wednesday, December 28, 10:30 am to Noon. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

#### **Ingoldsby United Church, New Years Day Service**

When: Sunday January 1, 10:30 am
Where: 1741 Ingoldsby Road off kashagawigamog Lake Road (County Road 18)

#### Haliburton Arena - Celebrating 150 Years

When: Saturday, January 7th, 2017, 4:00 - 8:00 pm Local Food, Beer Tent, Outdoor Games, Fire and Light Show and Much More!

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#### Razzamataz Kids Shows

When: Sunday January 15, 2017, 2:00pm

Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Professor Wick's Incredible Magic Factory by Majinx, ON

Haliburton County Historical Society When: Thursday, January 19th, 2017, 1:30 pm

Where: Haliburton Museum

Speaker: Kim Emmerson Topic: Canada 150 and Dysart 150 - Movie with Music

and Sound, confirmed **Razzamataz Kids Shows** 

When: Sunday February 26, 2017, 2:00pm Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion Saraka by Ballet Creole, ON

## Lesuon Events

Branch 636, Minden 705-286-4541 Ladies Darts, Wednesday, 1-4 p.m. Bid Euchre, Tuesday, 1 p.m.

Euchre, Thursday, 7 p.m. Fish/Wings & Chips, Friday, 12-2 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.

Mixed darts, Friday 7:30 p.m.

Big euchre, first Sunday of the month (except holidays),

noon, \$12

Sports Fan Day, Sunday, 12-4 p.m.
Lunch menu, Monday – Friday, 12-2 p.m.
Liver lover's special, Tuesday 12-2 p.m. (full menu also)

Meat Draw, Wednesday lunch time.

**Upcoming Events:** 

Please listen to local radio regarding our special Saturday events.

#### **Branch 129, Haliburton**

Dave Allen, PRO 705-457-2571

Mondays: Bridge every Monday at 1pm Tuesdays: Tuesday Night Dart League starting at 7pm

Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 pm start

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Wednesday of the month

**Thursdays**: General Meeting Second Thursday of the month starting at 7:30 pm All members

urged to attend Ladies Auxiliary Last Thursday of the month at

**Fridays**: Cribbage 1pm start

Meat Draw Five Draws. Five Prizes each draw. First draw at 4:30 pm, Last draw at 6:30 pm, Tickets are \$2 per draw...Chester Howse, MC Darts Friday fun darts - 4:30pm onwards

Saturdays: 50/50 Draw 4 pm draw, Tickets are \$1 each from noon onwards

Sundays: Breakfast Second and fourth Sunday of the month 9:30 am - 1 pm \$6 per person. Occasional volunteers are needed.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Whether you're planning a function for 10 or 200, for more information call the Legion today at (705) 457-2571. Come out and support Haliburton Legion Branch 129... everyone is welcome!

# Pass the turkey, hold the seaweed

## AROUNDTHETOWN

Patti Fleury

705-488-2938 brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Here at the old farmhouse I have taken to turning on CBC radio during early morning upstairs chores. Not only does this relieve boredom but every day along with news and local weather there always seems to be interesting interviews on a wide range of topics. Today, for example, I learned that winter officially arrives at 5:44 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21, that baby names Sophie, Emma and Liam continue to top the list and most shocking of all that kale is to be replaced by seaweed in trendy restaurant salads and on your grocery store vegetable display. Ignoring these trends our Christmas dinner will still include those traditional veggies and chef's lettuce salad. Seaweed will definitely not be on the menu. Apparently the most searched word on the Net reflecting 2016 events was "surreal" now no longer associated with Dali and modern art but with world events with the biggest useage recorded on Nov. 8 and 9 relating to the American election. Both trees are now decorated, presents duly wrapped (and thankfully labelled) and Bruce is organizing his maple cream making for tomorrow. His dad was a great candy maker and Bruce has continued that tradition albeit with just the one variety. One year he did make a single batch of chocolate fudge and then added a few pieces to each of the children's family containers. By Christmas morning a mysterious elf had opened each tin and eaten the chocolate pieces. Even without a DNA sample we indentified the culprit who simply fell back on the fact that it was his birthday as well as Christmas Day which surely allowed him certain leeway. So from our home and family to you and yours every best wish for a Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with health, happiness and satisfaction.

Speaking of menus we dropped in for lunch on Saturday at the newly re-opened Northwood Restaurant at 3290 County Road 121 south of Kinmount formerly Harmony Farm and before that the Northwood. At this time hosts Bob and Chanon Taylor welcome diners Thursday through Mondays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. with plans for special events. The interior setup is very different from before with a homelike atmosphere complete with sofa, newspaper and large screen TV and the breakfast/lunch menus quite varied.

At the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount due to the calendar

this year there will be bingo on Friday, Dec. 23 and 30. The Tuesday lunches featuring liver and onions are taling a break with start up again in April 2017. On Dec. 31 there will be a potluck get-together in the clubroom with darts, cards music and more. The following day Jan. 1 the annual President's Levee will be held from 2 to 7 p.m. with everyone most wel-

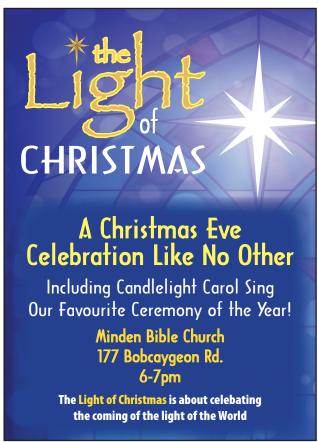
The Kinmount Health Services Foundation is conducting its annual Christmas appeal for funding in support of maintaining the high standards for the facility, its equipment and systems and for ongoing physican recruitment. The direct computer link to the Kinmount Pharmacy downstairs results in very convenient prescription service. The Foundation now has a website with details regarding services, upcoming workshops and Foundation news. To learn more please visit the site at www.healthcenterkinmount.com

Many regularly scheduled activities in the community will be taking a holiday break so best to check with your convenor or leaders before heading out. Hopefully weather will co-operate to allow for skating on the natural surface at the indoor Kinmount Arena on the Fairgrounds. This is a very attractive facility and appreciation is extended to those volunteers who work to maintain ice conditions. Appreciation is also extended to the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development for the decorations around the village especially the snowmen greeters. I can never resist waving back.

There was a very significant action taken at the City of Kawartha Lakes council meeting on Dec. 13 with regard to the proposed schedule of closures for certain arenas and community halls. While our Kinmount Community Centre was not being considered for closure our neighbours in Coboconk and Norland did have facilities on that listing. Some 22 speakers presented information at a special meeting of Council the day before stressing the importance of the halls to the life of a rural community. As reported in Kawartha This Week there was unanimous support from Council to keep these facilities open. This is surely a wakeup call however and should increase awareness of the need for residents to utilize and value these facilities. In tougher economic times changes will continue to be considered and it is critical that residents actively support local organizations and fund raising efforts to preserve the heritage and health of their communities.

So until the New Year 2017 keep busy and well. They go









#### **County of Haliburton Holiday Office Hours**

The County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that the Administration Building at 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, ON will close on

Friday December 23, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. and will re-open for regular business on Monday, January 2, 2017.

The County Roads Department has a 24 hour call answer service (705-286-1762) should you require immediate assistance.

We wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season!

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# Local churches prepare for Christmas service

## **DORSET** NEWS

Melissa Alfano 705-766-0076 malfano@hotmail.ca

The cookie dough workshop at the Dorset Rec Centre was a success! Five people participated and four others saved the day by buying batches of dough so we got nine out of the anticipated ten participants. Thanks

The Lake of Bays Anglican Parish Christmas Eve services are taking place on Saturday, Dec. 24 at Holy Manger, Barkway at 4 p.m., at St. James, Port Cunnington at 4:30 p.m., at St. Mary Magdalene, Dorset at

7 p.m., at St. James, Gravenhurst at 7 p.m. and at St. Ambrose, Baysville at 9 p.m. All are welcome! For more information, email lakeofbaysanglican@hotmail.com or call Reverend Heather at 705-641-8787.

Christmas masses at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Huntsville and St. Kateri Tekakwitha in Baysville are taking place on Saturday, Dec. 24 with a Children's Mass at 4 p.m. in Huntsville, at 6 p.m. in Baysville, at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Carols in Huntsville with Mass at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 25 at 10 a.m. in Huntsville. For more information, email office@stmaryshuntsville.ca or call 705-789-2348. Please note the office will be closed for Christmas holidays from Dec. 26 to 29.

The Lake of Bays United Churches will be

having Christmas Eve services on Saturday, Dec. 24 at 4 p.m. in Dorset at Knox United, at 7 p.m. in Dwight at Stewart Memorial and at 10 p.m. in Hillside at Pioneer Memorial. All are welcome! For more information, email lakeofbayspastoralcharge196@gmail.com or call 705-571-5310.

The Dorset Recreation Centre and the Dorset Branch of the Haliburton County Public Library will be closed for the holidays between Dec. 24 and January 2. Regular operating hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and safe travels to all! See you next year!

There is a new program staring in January just in time for all those New Year's resolutions we all make! "Get Fit In Algonquin Highlands! Zumba Lite Classes" which are

geared to those ages 55+ although all ages and levels of ability are welcome. The classes will be on Tuesdays from 3 to 4 p.m. for 12 weeks starting on Jan. 10 and running to March 28. Classes will be taught by Lorraine VanLuit and the cost is \$60 for the session or \$5 per class. This program is funded by the Ontario Government under the Ontario Sport and Recreation Communities Fund. Registration is required. Email recreation@ algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 for more information.

Happy birthday to Karen Knutt and Jim Jones! If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

# **County card scores**

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Dec. 12 contract bridge at Stanhope: dec. 13 contract bridge at Minden United

dec. 13 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion:

Dec. 13 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall:

Dec. 13 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre;

Dec. 14 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton:

Dec. 15 ruchre at Minden Legion:

Dec. 15 bid euchre at Minden Community

Dec. 16 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton:

Dec. 16 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden:

Dec. 19 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship

Club, Minden:

Dec. 19 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at

Dec. 19 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden:

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## 650 OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of

#### Gladys "Gaye" Ramona Lytle (nee Kelusky)

Gaye Lytle died peacefully on Saturday, December 17, 2016 at Caressant Care in Lindsay, Ontario. She died from the complications of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia. She was 87 years old.

Gaye is survived by her three children, Mary Lytle of Vernon, B.C., Wes Lytle and his wife Karen of Minden Hills, Ontario and Martha Mahoney of Dallas, Texas; by grandchildren Christopher, Sarah, Amanda, Allison, Jonni-Renne and B. J., by three great grandchildren; by sister Phyllis Brown of Charlottesville, Virginia, by brother Rod Kelusky of North Bay and by her many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her siblings Joy Maxwell, Drue Belge and Stan Kelusky. Gaye was a long-time resident of Lorne Park Estates in Mississauga and also spent many years in Ingoldsby in Haliburton County. The family would like to thank Dr. Fagan and the staff of Caressant Care on Mary Street in Lindsay for their compassionate care over the past 5 years.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O.

Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Thursday, December 22, 2016 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Gaye's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre at the funeral home. Spring Interment at Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

If desired, donations to the Charity of your choice, in Gaye's memory, would be appreciated by the family.



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#### Judith 'Judy' Mitchell (nee Brown)

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at home on Sunday morning, December 18, 2016 in her 71st year. Loving mother of Melissa (Gerry) and Jessica (Jon). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Noah and Henry. Dear sister of Edward

Brown. Judy was a wonderful Mom, friend and teacher. She will be greatly missed by her many friends and students whose lives she had a great influence on.

#### **Private Family Gathering**

A private family gathering will take place. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation -Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457 - 9209.

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Beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on December 13, 2016.

She will always be fondly remembered by her husband Glen, her children Doug (Dianne), Greg (Kris), Cindy (Joe) and Jill (Marc). Grandchildren Tanya (Rob), Kelly, Angie (Casey), Heather, Josh, Noelle, Evan and Chloe. Great grandchildren Ben and Harper. Survived by brother Ray (Harriet) Johnston and many nieces and nephews.

A Visitation was held at St. Clare's Anglican Church, Winchester, Ontario on Saturday December 17, 2016 at 10 a.m. followed by a Memorial Service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Clare's Anglican Church would be greatly appreciated or a charity of your choice.

Arrangements entrusted to the Byers Funeral Home, South Mountain (613-989-3836). Online condolences may be made at www.byersfuneralhomeinc.com

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